

These are the minutes of the Regular Session of the City of Adams, WI held on October 20, 2014 in the City Municipal Building.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Baumgartner. On roll call were Alderpersons Hilson, Jensen, Marti, Roseberry, Mayor Baumgartner, Street Superintendent Mead and Chief Anderson. Alderpersons Kierstyn and LaQuee were excused.

Consent Agenda:

1. Approval of Council Meeting Minutes:
  - a. October 6, 2014 Regular Session
2. Committee/Commission/Authority Minutes:
  - a. October 16, 2014 Public Works Committee
  - b. October 9, 2014 Fire District Commission
3. Operator License(s)
  - a. October 6, 2014 – October 20, 2014 - *Katherine L. Heider and Heather Diane Parra Wilson. Jose Luis Parra Verda Contingent upon the background check.*

**Motion by Jensen, second by Marti to approve the Consent Agenda and contingent of the background check Jose Luis Parra Verda operator's license. Roll call vote, all voted aye.**

**Committee/Commission/Authority/Advisory Minutes**

**October 16<sup>th</sup> Public Works:**

Approve Sewer Usage Credit – 228 N. Pine St.: Approved credit of \$233.95 for 228 N. Pine Street.

Report on Public Works Department Activity: Discussions were held regarding: Leaf vac was out twice, Replaced posts at Burt Morris Park with boulders in parking lot, Plow trucks ready to go for winter.

Recommendations were made to trade plow truck plus \$1,500 to Mike Fenner for the 14 foot wide push blade.

Recommendations were made to purchase new lift station pump for \$5,470.

**October 9, 2014 Fire District:**

Chief's Report: There were 8 calls since the last report, including a rescue. No action on the Easton Fill Site.

Discussion was held on confined space rescue or lack thereof.

**Petitions and Communications**

Alderperson Roseberry stated when I was newly elected, I was informed that individuals bring ideas and concerns to Petitions and Communications which would be placed on the agenda depending on the request. At the August Finance Committee meeting, we were asked to consider a request for a business to possibly relocate to the South Business Park. At the September 30<sup>th</sup> Finance Committee meeting (which Mayor Baumgartner was not present) we were given further information about the business. The Finance Committee had questions about the restrictions for new businesses in the Industrial Park and asked Clerk Winters to get us a copy of the EDA restrictions within two weeks. No decisions were ever made by the Finance Committee or referred to another Committee. After the October 6<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting, Darcy asked for clarification of the minutes from the September Finance Committee meeting. Mayor Baumgartner stated that we were looking at other possibilities for that business, not the Industrial Park. My question to the Council is once individuals petition a Committee or the Council:

Can the Mayor unilaterally act for the City without any decision being made by a Committee or Council? I believe in transparency and business should be done at our meetings.

I am asking the Mayor to convene the Planning Commission to clearly identify the criteria to build in the South Industrial Park.

What does the ideal business look like?

And for the Commission to develop a marketing strategy to attract businesses.

Mayor Baumgartner stated she will address part of that in her report and the rest of it will move on to Committee.

Report of City Officers:

Mayor Baumgartner: Reported she pulled stuff out of the EDA Grant packet and distributed it to the Finance Committee members. It is not real clear but what I put in your folders is the purpose which the Grant was given to assist distressed communities and regions revitalize, expand, and upgrade their physical infrastructure to attract new industry, encourage business expansion, diversify local economies, and generate or retain long-term private sector jobs and investment. With that you also got a portion at the end of it whereas if we don't use the Industrial Park in the matter the Grant was given, and that is to have lite Industry, Manufacturing, that will provide permanent, in the application it says high paying jobs and high skilled jobs. If it doesn't get used for that and that is for the life of the land it sits on, we would have the possibility of paying back the Grant money we got. Specifically she will write up some examples of what types of businesses. It isn't laid out here as 1, 2, 3, these are the types of businesses that should go in here. This should go to Economic Development or the Planning Commission. I did have this last week and we would have gone over it. I have the whole packet here. I have the information and happy to share it. Marti questioned what you have here is all the... Mayor Baumgartner stated no, there is three or four packets this thick, this is just what is pertinent to just what we are talking about. The rest is just the legal and the actual Grant. What you got is the actual application pages which is what it was based on. We will tidy that up and with my experience with bringing businesses to town, it is something that generally we won't know the name of the business, when it comes, it will probably contact Rural Development which is Daric Smith. Working with him the last four years, we had meetings that were not in a Committee or at Council, it was an idea put out there. For example, we had a meeting with the new Dairy, looking at what we could attract. I never knew the names of the Companies, Bob never knew the names of the Companies, I don't think Janet knew, Daric got them and his Committees never knew the names of the companies he was looking at. When you are tracking big industries and manufacturing, they want everything in place before they put it out there that they are looking. If they are in another community and it gets leaked out they are looking in Adams, it could be detrimental to them, the project in a whole. We need to carefully look at this. It's not going to be something that will come to Council as a presentation in an open meeting. Most likely, we won't know the name of the company until its well beyond the idea stage. There's a lot that goes in to it and I believe I can have Daric come here to speak to. I know he has gone to his committee and they don't always know the name of who he is talking to as far as who's looking for loans and stuff like that. Roseberry stated I think we should clearly know what our guidelines are. Mayor Baumgartner stated in general, it isn't going to come to Council until it's much further along. It would have to be put together, there's got to be a plan that goes to the Planning Commission, through the Economic Development portion before it would ever come to Council. Keeping in mind where we're at and our rolls, the Council is a final say. You get more involved more at the back end when there are more firm commitments being made. The part about how can we attract them, that is something Daric is trying very hard to put together, in fact, he is looking at added information to put in.

I think we had a fantastic 1<sup>st</sup> Oktoberfest, it was hastily thrown together in a month and thinks the committee did a great job in pulling together the many different pieces to it. The Knights were very successful with the food and beer and the music was fantastic and everyone enjoyed it. She would like to thank everyone that helped put it together. That was a celebration of the 1<sup>st</sup> Farmers Market that went very well. They are looking at doing some winter planning for next year and are excited to see what comes out of that to see it bigger and better.

She has quite a few meetings coming up, an ambulance meeting, and a classroom presentation, so we will be busy the next couple of weeks with a lot to report in November.

Chief's Report: Reported the Police Department will be testing the Tornado Siren every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday at 1:00 p.m.

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New and Unfinished Business:

**Motion by Marti, second by Hilson to Combine the November 3, 2014 Regular Session Meeting with the November 17, 2014 Regular Session Meeting** (Due to General Election held on Tuesday, November 4, 2014). **Roll call vote, all voted aye.**

Street Superintendent Mead stated that the Push Blade will help on Main Street and the dump sites as well as cut down on equipment and time with the wet snow that the snow blower cannot handle. It would be a trade for our old plow truck and \$1,500.00. **Motion by Marti, second by Jensen to purchase a Push Blade for trade of the old plow truck and \$1,500.00 with Fenner Excavating. Roll call vote, all voted aye.**

Street Superintendent Mead stated the pump is for Well House by Burt Morris Park. The pumps were installed in 1995, the cost to rebuild is \$3,895.00 and to buy new is \$5,470.00. **Motion by Marti, second by Hilson to purchase a new pump not to exceed \$5,500.00. Roll call vote, all voted aye.**

**Motion by Jensen, second by Hilson to Approve Payment of Bills. Roll call vote, Hilson, Jensen, Roseberry - aye, Marti – no.** After discussion, Marti voted aye. **Roll call vote, all voted aye.**

**Motion by Marti, second by Jensen to Adjourn. Roll call vote, all voted aye.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Janet L. Winters, CMTW, CMC, WCMC  
Clerk/Treasurer